(b) if so, whether this would cover all the main cities and towns in the Himalayan Kingdom;

(c) whether any memorandum of understanding has been signed;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when, Government are likely to implement the memorandum of understanding?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Important cities and towns along the East West Highway of Nepal are proposed to be covered under the project.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) On 12.4.2002, an MoU has been signed between the Government of India and His Majesty's Government of Nepal regarding the project. The said MoU identifies TCIL as a project implementation agency on turnkey basis under the over all supervision by an independent consultant to be appointed by the Government of India.

(e) The project is likely to be implemented over a period of two years and is likely to commence immediately after the completion of necessary formalities like appointment of consultant etc. by the Government of India.

Upgradation and maintenance of National Highways

*270. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Highways currently designated as National Highways in the country alongwith the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that owing to poor maintenance, these highways have lost their original quality and purpose;

(c) whether requests have been received from various States to upgrade the Highways passing through their respective States; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and Government's reaction thereto and the action taken to maintain the high standard and utility of these highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Details are annexed as Statement. (See below)

(b) Efforts are made to maintain the National Highways in traffic worthy condition within the available resources.

(c) and (d) The State Governments submit proposals for improvement of National Highways as per the approved Annual Plan.The proposals are approved based on technical soundness and availability of funds.

Four/six laning of about 13,500 km. of National Highways has been taken up under 'National Highways Development Project' and 'Port Connectivity' Programme. This is targeted to be completed by December 2007. The Government have also initiated a programme for improvement of riding quality of existing National Highways other than NHDP, since 1999-2000. Riding Quality of about 23,000 km length has been improved. Riding Quality of the balance length is targeted to be improved within next two years.

Statement

List of State-wise National Highways in the country

s No	Name of State	National Highway No.	Total Length [in Kms.)
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4, 5, 7, 9, 16, 18, 43, 63, 202, 205, 214 & 219	4038
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	52, 52A&153	392
3.	Assam	31, 31B, 31C, 36, 37, 37A, 38, 39, 44, 51, 52, 52A, 52B, 53, 54, 61, 62, 151, 152, 153 & 154	2836
4.	Bihar	2, 19, 28, 28A, 30, 30A, 31, 57, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 98, 99, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106 & 107	3502
5.	Chandigarh	21	24
6.	Chhattisgarh	6, 12A, 16, 43, 78, 200, 202. 216 & 217	′ 1774
7.	Delhi	1,2, 8,10 & 24	72

1	2	3	4
8.	Goa	4A.17, 17A&17B	269
9.	Gujarat	NE-1, 6. 8, 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 14, 15&59	2461
10.	Haryana	1,2,8, 10, 21 A, 22, 65, 71, 71 A, 72&73	1361
11.	Himachal Pradesh	1A, 20, 21, 21 A, 22, 70, 72 & 88	1188
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	1A, 1B, 1C&Extn. 13	823
13.	Jharkhand	2, 6, 23, 31, 32, 33, 75, 78, 80, 98, 99 & 100	1413
14.	Karnataka	4, 4A, 7, 9, 13, 17, 48, 63, 206, 207, 209, 212 & 218	3570
15.	Kerala	17, 47, 47A, 49, 208, 212, 213 & 220	1440
16.	Madhya Pradesh	3, 7, 12, 12A, 25, 26, 27, 59, 69, 75, 76, 78, 79, 86 & 92	4664
17.	Maharashtra	3, 4, 4B, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 16,17, 50, 59, 204 & 211	3626
18.	Manipur	39. 53 & 150	954
19.	Meghalaya	40, 44, 51 & 62	717
20.	Mizoram	44A, 54, 54A, 54B, 150&154	927
21.	Nagaland	36,39,61 &150	369
22.	Orissa	5, 5A, 6, 23, 42, 43, 60, 200, 201, 203, 215 & 217	3301
23.	Pondicherry	45A & 66	53
24.	Punjab	1, 1A, 10, 15, 20, 21,22,64,70, 71 &95	1553
25.	Rajasthan	3,88, 11, 11A, 12, 14, 15,65,76,79, 79A, 9 & 90	4597
26.	Sikkim	31A	62
27.	Tamil Nadu	4, 5, 7, 7A, 45, 45A, 45B, 46, 47, 49, 66, 67, 68, 205, 207, 208, 209, 210, 219 & 220	3758
28.	Tripura	44&44A	400
29.	Uttaranchal	58, 72, 72A, 73, 74, 87, 94, 108 & 109	1075
30.	Uttar Pradesh	2, 2A, 3, 7, 11, 19, 24, 24A, 25, 25A, 26, 27, 28, 29, 56, 56A, 56B, 58, 72,	4942

1	2	3	4
31.	West Bengal	72A, 73, 74, 75, 76, 86, 87, 91, 92, 93, 96&97 2, 6, 31, 31 A, 31C, 32, 34, 35, 41, 55, 60, 80 & 81	1951
		TOTAL	58112

Complaints against District Manager, Telecom, Mainpuri

†*272. SHRID.P.YADAV:
SHRI GHANSHYAM CHANDRA KHARWAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received different type of complaints against the present District Manager, Telecom, Mainpuri, during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the charges levelled therein; and

(c) the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The present Telecom District Manager (TDM) Sh. B.B. Singh joined Mainpuri SSA on 06.07.2001. He was on leave from 08.01.01 to 05.07.01. Prior to this the officer was working as TDM Basti from 29.02.2000 to 08.01.2001. The details of complaints received against the officer from 01.07.2000 to 30.06.2002 (i.e. last two years) are:

i) Regarding shifting Telephone Exchange at disputed building in Basti SSA.

ii) Regarding corrupt practices in Basti SSA.

iii) Through various questions raised by the Hon'ble Members of Parliament, Rajya Sabha during the 196th Session of Rajya Sabha (Monsoon) complaints have been made against the present TDM, Mainpuri. The complaints relate to purchase worth lakhs of Rupees for Inspection Quarter, engaging vehicle in the

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.